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SUBJECT: APPROACH FOR A U.S.-FATAH DIALOGUE

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1. WHEN ABU JAWDEH RETURNS TO BEIRUT TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE
REACTION TO HIS APPROACH RE A U.S.-FATAH DIALOGUE, YOU
SHOULD RESPOND ORALLY WITH THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- WE ARE INDEED, AS ABU JAWDEH SAID IN REPORTING THE
COMMENTS OF FATAH OFFICIALS, MAKING A SINCERE EFFORT TO
ACHIEVE MIDDLE EAST PEACE THAT INCLUDES A JUST SOLUTION
FOR THE PALESTINIANS.

-- OUR POSITION STILL IS THAT WE WILL HAVE NO DEALINGS OF
THIS KIND UNTIL FATAH AND THE PLO ACCEPT THE RIGHT OF
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ISRAEL TO EXIST AND ACCEPT RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338.

-- WE WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF CONTACTS
WITH FATAH AND THE PLO IN THE LIGHT OF POSITIONS THESE

ORGANIZATIONS MIGHT TAKE TO IMPROVE THE CHANCES OF
NEGOTIATING A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE, UNDER THESE

RESOLUTIONS, IN WHICH THE INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIANS
WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

2. FYI: IN ADDITION TO OUR UNWILLINGNESS TO MAKE THE
CONTACT WITH THE PLO AT THIS TIME, WE WOULD NOT WISH IN
ANY CASE TO USE ABU JAWDEH AS AN INTERMEDIARY. WHILE HE
IS AN INFLUENTIAL JOURNALIST, HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN MANY
STRANGE CAPERS DURING HIS CAREER AND MAY HAVE MOTIVATIONS
OF HIS OWN FOR TRYING TO ARRANGE SUCH A DIALOGUE. IT
WOULD NONETHELESS BE OF INTEREST IF YOU COULD LEARN FROM
HIM ANYTHING MORE ABOUT THE PERSONS OR FACTION WITHIN
FATAH THAT APPEAR TO BE INTERESTED IN MAKING SUCH A
CONTACT. VANCE

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